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小田切ほたる　HOTARU ODAGIRI

LOVE IS REASON
I love you, Onichan, so lemme borrow your notes.
Arithmetic II

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みんな愛のせいね　第一話

LOVE IS REASON!

*The (M) at the end indicates that Masato is the one speaking.

GOOD MORNING ♥
?
Yes, yes.
I know already.
C'MERE
C'MERE
MID-APRIL
SMACK!!
JUST WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING TO YOUR OWN BROTHER!!
MASATO?
IT'S BEEN HALF A MONTH SINCE I, MASATO NAKATSUKASA, MOVED ON TO MY SECOND YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, BUT...
Aniki = older brother
...FOR CRYING OUT LOUD!!
Stupid Aniki!

TODAY WILL BE THE FIRST TIME I'LL ATTEND SCHOOL AS A 2ND-YEAR STUDENT
Ah
I'M FINE, I'M FINE
I CAN'T SLEEP ALL THE TIME
ARE YOU SURE YOU SHOULD BE GOING TO SCHOOL ALREADY?
THE CAUSE IS MY CHRONIC ASTHMA
BECAUSE OF IT, I SPENT SPRING BREAK AND THE FIRST HALF OF APRIL
LYING USELESSLY IN A HOSPITAL BED
MM... WELL,
TRY NOT TO OVERDO IT.
2ND OLDEST YUKI NAKATSUKASA HIGH SCHOOL 2ND YEAR
HEY NOW, THAT WAS CRUEL
THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU JUST DID!
MASATO-CHAN, YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO HIT ME--
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE THIS TIME?
It's you again.
EHHHHH, BUT "GOOD-MORNING KISSES" ARE A FAMILY CUSTOM.
3RD ELDEST SENYA NAKATSUKASA HIGH SCHOOL 2ND YEAR

WHAT'S WITH ALL THE SHOUTING?
IT'S PERFECTLY NORMAL!!
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF IT!
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, NII-CHAN, BUT I WANT TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE!
HOW?!
GRUMBLE
Oh
MASATO-CHAN ARE YOU ATTENDING SCHOOL ALREADY?
WILL YOU BE ALL RIGHT?
YEAH, I'VE COMPLETELY RECOVERED!
ELDEST TOUMA NAKATSUKA HIGH SCHOOL 3RD YEAR
No school uniform
WAIT JUST ONE SECOND !!
M... MORNING.
I'M GLAD YOU'RE FEELING BETTER.
MORNING
Enh.
Morning everyone.
WHAT'RE THEY TALKING ABOUT?
There's no sense of discomfort.
TOUMA-NII IS THE MOST MOTHERLY
HOW COME YOU DON'T OBJECT WHEN TOUMA-NII KISSES YOU?!
BUZZ OFF!!
That's reprehensible
IT JUST FEELS ACCEPTABLE WHEN IT'S TOUMA-NII-CHAN!

THIS UNASSUMING AND SOMEWHAT ABSENT-MINDED PERSON IS OUR FATHER
You'd never guess that he's 36
AH, KAZUNARI-SAN, LISTEN TO THIS.
IT'S CERTAINLY LIVELY THIS MORNING.
HE'S A SCI-FI AND FANTASY WRITER
AHH. GREETING WITH A KISS.
Ha Ha
OUR MOTHER IS GONE SO THE FIVE OF US MAKE AN ALL-MALE FAMILY
IT'S BECAUSE MARIA (YOUR LATE MOTHER) WAS AMERICAN
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THAT'S RIGHT. THIS CUSTOM COMES FROM WHEN MOM WAS ALIVE
NOPE, CAN'T CHANGE IT NOW
HOW THE HECK
WOULD I KNOW!
I DON'T HAVE ANY MEMORIES OF MOM!!
Sii
e
C
e

I'LL SEE YOU LATER.
HUH?
MASATO!
I'M THE ONLY ONE...
WHO DOESN'T REMEMBER MOTHER.
TWIT.
I'M SORRY I SCREWED UP!
slam
.....
LONG TIME NO SEE. YOU'RE STILL ALIVE?
Your seat's over there.
STUDENT YOUR SEAT'S OVER THERE.
YEAH, I'M FINE.

DAMN IT--- PICKING ON SOMEONE'S SENSITIVE SPOTS....
MY SHORT HEIGHT...
AND MY WEAK BODY...
I HATE THEM BOTH...
FRIENDS MY ASS...
DID YOU GET SHORTER IN THE HOSPITAL?
YOU'RE TINY, AS USUAL.
I JUST SAID YOU WERE CUTE!!
WELL, DON'T!
Anti-violence
IT'S LIKE I'M JUST A DISAPPOINTMENT.
AHH...
I FEEL LIKE THERE'S A WEIGHT ON MY CHEST.
MY OLDER BROTHERS ARE ALL HEALTHY AND TALL.
THEY CAN DO ANYTHING.

IF WE KEEP GOING THIS WAY WE'RE ALL GOING TO END UP WANDERING THE STREETS
IS THAT WHY YOU CALLED A FAMILY MEETING?
WE'RE SHORT ON MONEY
FAMILY FINANCIAL RECORD
NOT ONLY ARE OUR EXPENDITURES FOR APRIL GREATER THAN NORMAL,
BUT MASATO'S HOSPITAL BILL IS ALSO QUITE SUBSTANTIAL
AH, I SEE
Files: the food bill really builds up for a family of four
MANAGES THE FAMILY ACCOUNTING
THE ROYALTIES FOR YOUR MANUSCRIPTS COME IN IRREGULARLY, SO WE CAN'T COUNT ON THEM.
AH THEN WHY DON'T I TAKE ON A FEW MORE ASSIGNMENTS
WHAT IF WE TAKE ON PART-TIME JOBS?
Yes
IF WE ALL WORK DURING GOLDEN WEEK,
WE'LL MANAGE SOMEHOW.
Looks like Yuki's got it all worked out
WE HAVE THREE STRAPPING YOUNG MEN, AFTER ALL

I'LL BE FINE IT'S JUST FOR GOLDEN WEEK.
PERHAPS YOU'D BETTER NOT
BUT TOUMA, YOU HAVE EXAMS TO STUDY FOR
I'M SORRY I'M SUCH A HOPELESS FATHER
THEN THAT SETTLES IT KAZUNARI-SAN. WE WON'T BE NEEDING YOUR HELP
FATHER
FATHER
WHICH BRINGS ME TO THE NEXT ISSUE
IN ANY CASE AS LONG AS WE EACH EARN A LITTLE BIT!
But..
AH!
FATHER
LET'S KEEP THIS A SECRET FROM MASATO
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME FOR?!
GOT IT SENYA?
NONE OF IT'S HIS FAULT....
THAT'S..... PROBABLY BEST. THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY HIM NEEDLESSLY.

FREEEEEEEEEZE
WHAT ABOUT ME?
YOU'RE THE SOFTEST ON MASATO!
IF WE GET CAUGHT, IT'LL BE BECAUSE OF YOU!!
DON'T BE SO OVERBEARING.
W- WELCOME BACK!
MA- MASATO. YOU'RE BACK ALREADY?
AH
I'VE GOT STUDYING TO DO.
DAD HAS TO GO WORK ON HIS MANUSCRIPT
N-NOTHING. NOTHING AT ALL!
WHAT ARE YOU ALL TALKING ABOUT...?
MASATO, WOULD YOU LIKE SOME APPLE?
AN APPLE A DAY KEEPS THE DOCTOR AWAY.
.....

SEEMS LIKE IT...
DOES.. DOES HE SUSPECT ANYTHING..?
WHAT THE HELL? WHAT THE HELL?! EVERY ONE OF THEM!!
SLAM
SNEAKING AROUND !!
Kind of volatile today
What happened? Madness
THE BOND BETWEEN MY FAMILY MUST BE STRONGER THAN ANY OTHER
WITHOUT A MOTHER TO CARE FOR US
WE SPLIT THE COOKING AND THE LAUNDRY AMONGST OURSELVES
WE UNDERSTAND DAD IS GOOD-FOR-NOTHING JOE
WE LIVE BY HELPING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

DAMN IT-- NOTHING'LL COME OUT OF BEING HEAVY-HEARTED
I guess
I'LL JUST ASK THEM DIRECTLY
I'll ask Senya He's loose-lipped
AHHHH--, MY CHEST FEELS HEAVY AGAIN
THEY CAN'T BE HIDING ANY-THING
THAT'S WHY ... WE NEVER HIDE ANYTHING FROM EACH OTHER.
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What are you doing in my room?
SORRY, BUT I DON'T SWING THAT WAY.
YUKI
TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES FOR ME.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!

FOR THAT, YOU CAN STRIP!!
BY THE WAY, THE MORE SKIN YOU SHOW, THE HIGHER A PRICE I CAN ASK FOR...
I'M HERE TO TAKE PICTURES.
I'M GONNA DEVELOP THESE AND TAKE THEM TO SCHOOL.
THE GIRLS WILL PAY A FORTUNE FOR THEM.
YOU TWO SEEM TO BE HAVING FUN.
I'M SURE YOU'LL EARN QUITE A GOOD PRICE YOURSELF! I'll even take them for you.
WAAAAAAAAAAH!! CUT IT OUT!!
ATTENDS A DIFFERENT SCHOOL
AAAHH, I SEE PHOTOS, IS IT?
THEY'RE QUITE POPULAR AT MY SCHOOL AS WELL
popular?
ARE YOU WRESTLING?
NO!!
I NEED BOTH OF YOU TO LEAN CLOSER TO THE WALL
SENYA, EXTEND YOUR ARMS OVER THERE
YES JUST LIKE THAT
NOW, YUKI,
HOLD ON TO SENYA'S HANDS.
IF THAT'S YOUR PLAN, THEN WHY DON'T I SHOW YOU A WAY TO GET AN EVEN HIGHER PRICE?

OKAY, ALL DONE
UWAA!
What are you doing, Nii-chan!?
Kya kya kya
What's the big deal? You kissed don't you?
WHAT THE HECK ARE THEY DOING---
THIS DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE APPROPRIATE TIME TO ASK...
Not now.
DAZE
EH?!
AH... IT SEEMS LIKE ALL HIS DEADLINES ARE PILING UP DURING GOLDEN WEEK.
WHY DOES KAZUNARI-SAN LOOK SO OUT OF IT?
TOUMA,
YOU'VE GOT A CALL FROM YOUR FRIEND
OH, MASATO.
mmm
THIS GUY IS THE MOST DIFFICULT TO DECIPHER.

turn
N--NOTHING
You should get to work
ah
WHAT IS IT, MASATO?
HE'S NOT THE TYPE OF AUTHOR WHO CAN PRODUCE A LOT.
WHY IS HE SUDDENLY
.....
OVER-WORKING HIMSELF.
WHAT..
NII-CHAN, ARE YOU GETTING A PART-TIME JOB?
YUP.
click
--YEAH,
GREAT. THANKS.
OH. REALLY?
--I REMEMBER YOU MENTIONING A HIGH-PAYING JOB EARLIER
IS IT STILL OPEN?
YES, THE ENTIRE WEEK.
THEN I'D LIKE TO WORK DURING GOLDEN WEEK IF POSSIBLE.

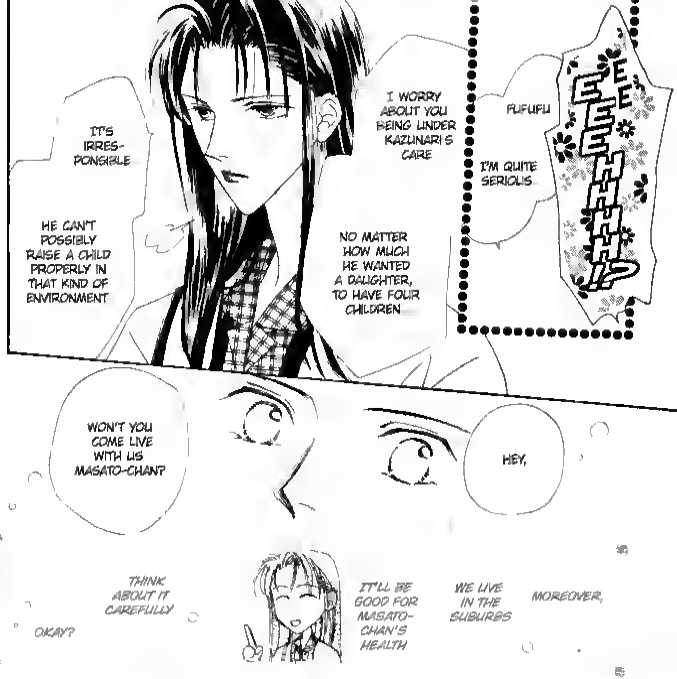
IT FEELS LIKE...
SOMETHING'S A BIT OFF
I WONDER WHY
IT FEELS LIKE...
EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE EXAMS TO STUDY FOR?
I FOUND SOMETHING THAT I WANT.
HMM...
WHAT KIND OF PART-TIME JOB?
AS A HOST
NOT ONLY IS IT PLAUSIBLE, THE SCARY PART IS THAT IT'S ALMOST FITTING
JUST KIDDING JUST KIDDING

WELCOME HOME, MASATO-CHAN!
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!!
YOU'RE HOME RATHER LATE TODAY
Did you have clubs?
AUNT AYAKO ..?
You have no room to talk
HERE IT COMES AYAKO-SAN'S MASATO OBSESSION
No. I was with friends
HUSH, YOU
THIS IS KASANARI-SAN'S OLDER SISTER
SHE HAD A SON THE SAME AGE AS ME BUT LOST HIM IN AN ACCIDENT THREE YEARS AGO
PERHAPS BECAUSE OF THAT, SHE DOTES ON ME
My word Other than Masato-chan
Not one of you has any charm.
My apologies
BECOME SO STRONG-WILLED WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR CHILDREN
LEARN TO LET THEM GO ALREADY
NEE-SAN, PLEASE STOP TRYING TO LURE AWAY MY SON.
Every single time
MASATO-CHAN, WHY DON'T YOU LEAVE THIS SQUALID PLACE AND COME LIVE WITH ME?

WELL,
THAT'S FINE I GOT TO SEE MASATO-CHAN SO I'LL BE GOING HOME.
I- I'LL WALK YOU HOME NEE-SAN.
THAT'S ALL RIGHT YOU HAVE WORK TO DO.
I'LL HAVE MASATO-CHAN WALK ME HOME ♥
MASATO JUST GOT HOME!
IT'S FINE I'LL WALK HER HOME.
LET'S GO, OBA-SAN.
OH REALLY?! ♥
Masato...
OTHER THINGS ASIDE, I'M SO GLAD.
MASATO-CHAN, YOU SEEM TO HAVE GOTTEN MUCH BETTER
YEAH
HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING FROM KASUNARI-SAN?
I WONDER IF OBA-SAN KNOWS ANYTHING...
I'D LIKE YOUR ADVICE ON SOMETHING....
U-... UM...

THEY'RE TERRIBLE AT HIDING THINGS.
THOSE KIDS....
THINGS ARE WEIRD AT HOME
IT'S ALMOST.. LIKE THEY'RE HIDING SOMETHING FROM ME
TELL ME, PLEASE
I DON'T WANT TO BE THE ONLY ONE OUT OF THE LOOP
BUT I WONDER IF I SHOULD BE TELLING YOU, MASATO-CHAN...
THEN I'LL TELL YOU...
IT SEEMS LIKE YOUR FAMILY'S FINANCES ARE A BIT TIGHT
EH....
KAZUNARI'S EARNINGS AREN'T VERY RELIABLE SO
YOUR BROTHERS ARE ALL TAKING UP WORK.
He's hopeless as a father, don't you think?
IT CAN'T BE ..
HOW DID IT SUDDENLY
..AH

HONESTLY AND TRULY
WON'T YOU COME STAY WITH ME?
BECAUSE
I WAS HOSPITALIZED ?
THAT WAS LIKELY ONE OF THE REASONS
THIS IS WHAT THEY WERE HIDING
MASATO-CHAN.


IT'S IRRESPONSIBLE
HE CAN'T POSSIBLY RAISE A CHILD PROPERLY IN THAT KIND OF ENVIRONMENT
I WORRY ABOUT YOU BEING UNDER KAZUNARI'S CARE
NO MATTER HOW MUCH HE WANTED A DAUGHTER, TO HAVE FOUR CHILDREN
FUFUFU
I'M QUITE SERIOUS
EEEEEHHHH!?
WON'T YOU COME LIVE WITH US MASATO-CHAN?
HEY,
THINK ABOUT IT CAREFULLY
OKAY?
IT'LL BE GOOD FOR MASATO-CHAN'S HEALTH
WE LIVE IN THE SUBURBS
MOREOVER,
YEAH I BET IT WOULD
FIRST OFF, THERE WOULDN'T BE HOSPITAL BILLS TO PAY
IF I LEAVE THAT'S ONE LESS PERSON TO TAKE CARE OF
WON'T LIFE BE EASIER THAT WAY?
Hoo

I'M IN!
DON'T DO IT. WE'RE RUNNING A MARATHON TODAY.
OY, MASATO, ARE YOU REALLY PLANNING ON DOING PE?!
Dude...
I WOULDN'T BE OF ANY HELP.
EVEN IF THEY TOLD ME,
IT MUST BE BECAUSE
CONSPIRING AS A FAMILY TO KEEP IT A SECRET,
THEN TRYING TO "SOLVE IT ALL BY THEMSELVES"!
IT SEEMS LIKE YOUR FAMILY'S FINANCES ARE A BIT TIGHT.
PSSSH
WHY WOULDN'T THEY TELL ME
SOMETHING AS IMPORTANT AS THAT !!
Haa
MY BODY IS WEAK
I JUST DRAG EVERYONE DOWN
I'M JUST HALF A PERSON
I'M SHORT I HAVE NO ENDURANCE
I'M STILL JUST A KID
AaH
BUT THAT DOESN'T GIVE THEM THE RIGHT
TO EXCLUDE ME FROM IMPORTANT MATTERS
dizzy

Waaaaah!
MASATO?!
LIKE I'M NOT EVEN "FAMILY."
MASATO?
THAT WOULD MAKE ME
JUST AN OUTSIDER
EH!?
Dumb bastards
-ARDS
HANG IN THERE! WE'LL GET YOU TO THE CLINIC RIGHT AWAY!
EH? WHAT DID HE SAY?
YOU DON'T SEEM VERY ENERGETIC.
ARE YOU WORN OUT?
--YES
I'LL BE FINE IT'S JUST UNTIL THE DEADLINE
YOU'RE SURE?

EH?
NO,
NOT AT ALL I'M JUST...
IS IT ABOUT MASATO-KUN? HE'S PROBABLY JUST GOING THROUGH THAT REBELLIOUS PHASE
TAKAFUMI SHIROTSUBAKI KAZUNARI'S MANAGING EDITOR (& old friend)
I HOPE THAT'S ALL
YES, I UNDERSTAND. THANKS.
I'LL TALK TO YOU LATER
SIGH...
CACI
PRR
Wah!
That startled me
YES,
THIS IS THE NAKATSU-KASA RESIDENCE
---EH?
MASATO
HAS FAINTED!?

Beautiful Soup
scanslation/group

HE SEEMS TO HAVE OVEREXERTED HIMSELF DURING PE.
HE'LL BE FINE WITH A LITTLE REST.
YOUR SON'S BODY IS A BIT FRAGILE,
SO PLEASE ASK THE WHOLE FAMILY TO KEEP HIM FROM OVERDOING IT.
I-I WILL.

KAZUNARI-SAN IS ALREADY THERE
I'm gonna go check on—
DON'T INTERRUPT—
OOMPFH
Where are your manners?
MASATO
PASSED OUT AT SCHOOL?!
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
MM— I'M OKAY
KAZUNARI-SAN
THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR
WE'RE COMING UP ON A LONG HOLIDAY, SO MAKE SURE YOU REST—
HM?
ARE WE—
HAVING TROUBLE MAKING ENDS MEET

ALL YOU NEED TO FOCUS ON
IS GETTING BETTER
EVEN IF WE WERE IT'S NOTHING YOU NEED TO WORRY ABOUT
WHAT? WHY DO YOU ASK?
OF COURSE NOT.
DON'T UNDERSTAND ME AT ALL.
YOU
door closing
I UNDER-STAND
CALL ME IF YOU NEED ANYTHING.
MASA
PLEASE LEAVE
I'M GOING TO SLEEP

.....
I SEE
HE'S DOING FINE. NO CAUSE FOR WORRY
WELL, KAZUNARI-SAN?
HOW IS HE?
Patter Patter
HE WOULDN'T TELL ME...
---- JUST LIKE I THOUGHT,
I'M THE ONLY LOSER IN THIS FAMILY--
--THE HEAVY FEELING IN MY CHEST WAS ALIENATION--
I'M THE ONE WHO CAN NEVER CONTRIBUTE ANYTHING
I THOUGHT OUR FAMILY TIES WERE STRONGER THAN ANYTHING IN THE WORLD...
WE GET ALONG BY SUPPORTING EACH ANOTHER

KAZUNARI-SAN, WAS SOMETHING WRONG?
HE ALWAYS OVERWORKS HIMSELF WHENEVER HE'S DEPRESSED.
AH.... NO.... nothing.
WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?
SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED TO MASATO
YEAH, SO?
YOU'RE MAKING SOMETHING OUT OF NOTHING
YOU AND YOUR BROTHER COMPLEX
WATER
IT WAS MY DUTY TO WATCH OUT FOR MASATO
AND YOU USED TO THINK MASATO WAS SUCH A PEST, TOO
FOR A KID WHO WANTS TO GO OUT AND PLAY, OF COURSE HE WAS A PEST!
THAT WAS BACK WHEN I WAS STILL A LITTLE KID!

THAT'S SENYA-NII'S VOICE
HE WAS FRAIL
AND WATCHING OUT FOR HIM TOOK TIME AND EFFORT
OF COURSE I DIDN'T WANT SOME STUPID LITTLE BROTHER
CLATTER
MM?
An umbrella fell over or something
Maybe
What was that?
SOMEONE LIKE ME
"DIDN'T WANT SOME STUPID LITTLE BROTHER--"
... OH, I SEE HOW IT IS.
I KNEW IT ALL ALONG ....
NEVER DOES ANYTHING TO HELP
CAUSES TROUBLE FOR EVERYONE,
USES UP MONEY NEEDLESSLY

I'M LEAVING THIS HOUSE!!
I'LL SHOW YOU
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, I'M NOTHING BUT THE FAMILY LOSER!
Welcome, Masato-chan!
GOOD TO SEE YOU, MASATO-KUN
THE HUSBAND
I'M SO HAPPY THAT YOU DECIDED SO QUICKLY, MASATO-CHAN
MY AGITATION PROPELLED ME ALL THE WAY HERE
Maybe I should have thought this through more
UM.
OH? YOU HAVEN'T TOLD KAZUNARI, YET?
THAT'S FINE, I'LL CALL HIM FOR YOU
LA LA

RRR...
IT'S NO GOOD MASATO'S NOWHERE TO BE FOUND
NOT EVEN AT HIS FRIEND'S HOUSE
BUT,
WHERE COULD HE POSSIBLY GO WHEN HE'S IS STILL RECOVERING?!
THERE'S NO NEED TO GET SO WORKED UP
HELLO, THIS IS THE NATSUKASA
OH, 'NEE-SAN'
WHAT?
WHAT?
MASATO IS WITH YOU?!
HUH? ADOPTING...?
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?!
KAZUNARI-SA.
WAIT...
IT SOUNDS IMPORTANT

DID ANYTHING HAPPEN TO MASATO-CHAN!?
WHAT DID SHE SAY, KAZU-NARI-SAN?
...YES
I UNDER-STAND.
SHE'S ADOPTING MASATO?!
... SOMEHOW OR OTHER, IT SEEMS THAT
MASATO WENT OF HIS OWN WILL..
WHA...
BUT EVEN SO,
MASATO ISN'T AWARE OF THAT, RIGHT?
SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN A LITTLE STRANGE WHEN IT COMES TO MASATO
WHAT THE HECK.. THAT PUSHY....

BUT... HAVE WE
BUT THAT'S HOW IT IS
YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUT IT SO BLUNTLY!
DONE SOMETHING TO ANGER MASATO...?
WHICH MEANS
THAT MASATO CHOSE THEM INSTEAD OF US
IT SEEMS THAT 'NEE-SAN' TOLD HIM ABOUT OUR FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES
SO HE FEELS RESPONSIBLE FOR IT...?
GEH
WHAT A DIRTY, UNDERHANDED
So it's psychological warfare is it
HE MAY HAVE FELT EXCLUDED
Since we kept it a secret.
STAB
DO YOU HAVE TO KEEP STATING EVERYTHING SO BLUNTLY...?!
HE PROBABLY THOUGHT HE'D BE BETTER OFF LIVING WITH THEM.

--NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, LAST NIGHT
WE HEARD SOMETHING STRANGE
RIGHT WHEN WE WERE TALKING ABOUT MASATO BEING A PEST
HE MUST HAVE HEARD OR
THAT'S IT. THAT HAS TO BE IT
WHAT DO I DO?
IT'S ALL MY FAULT
IT'S ALL MY FAULT! I'M SUCH A....
CALM DOWN, SENYA!!
IF NOTHING ELSE,
WE ALL SHARE SOME RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS
ANYHOW, IT'S ALREADY BEEN DECIDED THAT MASATO WILL STAY WITH THEM FOR TONIGHT
.....

I'M GOING TO BED EARLY...
...I FEEL KIND OF FEVERISH.
OH, YEAH, I PASSED OUT YESTERDAY, DIDN'T I?
WHEENE
COUGH COUGH
MASATO-CHAN!?
COUGH
COUGH COUGH COUGH COUGH
MASATO-CHAN!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
ANOTHER ATTACK...!
WHEENE
DOES IT HURT!?

I CAN'T BREATHE--
WHA-... WHAT DO WE DO?
Uh--?
LET'S CALL AN AMBU-LANCE
N... I'll be fi-...
MASATO-CHAN!?
It'll... go away... soo-
WHEEZE
WHEEZE

I'VE MADE TROUBLE FOR EVERYONE...
--I DID IT AGAIN
I NEVER KNEW...
THAT ASTHMA ATTACKS WERE SO VIOLENT
I WAS SO SURPRISED, THAT I COULDN'T DO A THING...
I CAN'T BELIEVE I WAS SO OBLIVIOUS !
ALL THIS TIME...
I'VE REVISED MY OPINION OF KAZUNARI
...IT SCARED ME

I... I SHOULD GO TALK TO HIM.
MY LITTLE BROTHER
HAS HAD TO WATCH THAT HARROWING SIGHT
ALL MASATO'S LIFE...
I DON'T HAVE THE CONFIDENCE TO MAKE THIS WORK.
click
MASATO-CHAN!?
AH...
I, I'LL BE FINE NOW SO...
TH-
THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF ME.
MASATO-CHAN!!

I'M NOT QUALIFIED TO BE A FATHER, MARIA.
--MAYBE
I HURT MASATO WITHOUT KNOWING IT.
MAYBE IT WOULD BE BEST FOR HIM
TO LIVE WITH MY BIG SISTER.
'A WOMAN RISKS HER LIFE TO BRING HER CHILDREN INTO THE WORLD, YOU KNOW? IT'S PROOF OF HER EXISTENCE.'
'KAZUNARI'
'IT'S PROOF OF HER LOVE.'
'MINE AND YOURS--'
'AREN'T YOU THRILLED? OUR FOURTH CHILD. OUR FAMILY KEEPS GROWING.'
'DO YOU UNDERSTAND? THIS BABY IS MINE AND YOURS.'

SIAM
I'M GOING TO GET MASATO AND BRING HIM BACK!
KAZUNARI-SAN
B...BUT MASATO...
IF HE PROTESTS,
I'LL CONVINCE HIM TO COME BACK HOME!
I CAN'T LEAVE HIM TO SOME OTHER PERSON
MASATO IS
MY BELOVED SON.
HE'S RIGHT
MASATO IS OURS...
...WE HAVE TO GET HIM BACK

MASATO RAN AWAY!?
OH HI NEE-SAN
HELLO?
RRR
RIGHT, I UNDERSTAND.
DON'T WORRY. I'LL FIND HIM SOON.
HE HAD AN ATTACK?
ALL OF YOU, CALM DOWN!!
FIRST, WE NEED TO GO LOOK ...
KAZUNARI-SAN, WHERE'S MASATO!?
HE HAD AN ATTACK!? IS HE OKAY!?
IT'S GOING TO BE FINE.
I'LL BRING HIM HOME SOON.
I HAVE A PRETTY GOOD IDEA AS TO WHERE MASATO WENT.
YOU GUYS STAY HERE.

SO I WON'T
--I WANT TO BE STRONG
CAUSE TROUBLE FOR ANYONE AGAIN
I DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE LEFT TO GO
KAZUNARI-SAN YOU'RE SO COOL--
Pretty good idea .. that's a dad for you
STRENGTH IN MIND AND BODY ---
MASATO!!
KAZUNARI-SAN...!
LET'S GO HOME, MASATO

THAT'S ... NOT CONSIDERATION!
HOW CAN I UNDERSTAND IF YOU DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU'RE WORKING FOR ME!
MAYBE I CAN'T DO ANYTHING, BUT IF I DON'T EVEN KNOW...
I'M SORRY. I APOLOGIZE.
BUT WE WERE ONLY THINKING OF YOU...
WHAT... DO YOU WANT.
YOU'RE THE ONES WHO HID THINGS FROM ME.
HOW I CAN I EVER
SAY THANK YOU!
MASATO!
I'M THE FAMILY FAILURE.
I HAVE A WEAK BODY, I'M SHORT, AND I'M NOT THE GIRL THAT KAZUNARI-SAN WANTED.
NO MATTER WHAT I DO, I CAN'T DO ANYTHING.
MASAT

I ONLY...
--THOSE WORDS REVERBERATED WITHIN ME---
HOW COULD I HAVE FORGOTTEN
HAVE MEMORIES OF BEING CHERISHED
FA...THER...
--I WAS BEING CHILDISH
NO MATTER WHAT YOUR TRAITS ARE,
I LOVE YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE "MASATO."
YOU'RE MY PRECIOUS FAMILY.
NO ONE CAN EVER REPLACE YOU.
SO YOUR BODY IS DELICATE. SO YOU'RE NOT A GIRL.
NONE OF THAT MATTERS.
I LOVE YOU!!

FEELING SORRY FOR MYSELF
JUST BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T INCLUDE ME
I'M NOTHING BUT A SPOILED BRAT---
I'M SORRY, FATHER...
FATHER,
Whine
me——It
He called me "Father"!
DEEPLY MOVED
WE'RE ALL SORRY, TOO...
SENYA'S REALLY DEPRESSED, YOU KNOW
HE DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING BY WHAT HE SAID
IN FACT, HE'S PROBABLY THE MOST PROTECTIVE OF YOU...
...YOU KNOW THAT, DON'T YOU?
...YEAH
THEN, SHALL WE GO HOME?

WHEN WE GOT BACK
MY BROTHERS WERE WAITING OUT FRONT
THEY WELCOMED US WARMLY
—MASATO, PLEASE DON'T MISUNDER-STAND
I LOVE YOU!!!
WELCOME HOME
—I KNOW
I'M HOME

--AND, ON THIS DAY,
WE WERE EXTREMELY PROUD OF OUR DAD.
Kazunari-san, you were so cool—
Yes it!
Still haven't learned your lesson?
Oh Masato-Chan!
I'm still not giving up
Kazunari-san, you're so uncool
I still haven't finished...
I'm sorry...
Kazunari-san, your manu script is!

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Although we're keeping the same staff members, we are saying good-bye to our dear Anna (Nami). The dedication and hard work she has done for this group (and others) is outstanding. We love you Anna! Good luck with your studies!

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2nd Story
The Bond Between Brothers

LOVE COMES IN
MANY DIFFERENT FORMS

WHEN A PERSON FALLS IN LOVE

HE FEELS HAPPIER. HE FEELS LIGHT-HEARTED. HIS
HEART GROWS MILD AND GENTLE. BUT SOMETIMES

HE MAKES THE MISTAKE OF BELIEVING THAT
HE'LL NEVER HAVE TO WORRY OR GET HURT

PEOPLE ARE STRONG. BUT
THEY ARE ALSO WEAK

IT'S DIFFICULT
LOVING SOMEONE

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Love is Reason 2nd Story
THE BOND BETWEEN BROTHERS

YUKI-NII AND SEN-NII'S MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS?
Igarashi-kun
Sasaki-kun
OH YEAH, DON'T FORGET
THERE WAS THAT TIME WHEN YOU WERE SURROUNDED BY THOSE 3RD YEAR BULLIES!
BUT PEOPLE STILL TALK ABOUT HOW GREAT THEY WERE
Ya know, like the teachers and the girls
That's just how it is with them
THEY MUST HAVE SCREWED UP PRETTY SPECTACULARLY OR SOMETHING
YOUR BROTHERS GRADUATED FROM OUR SCHOOL AT LEAST TWO YEARS AGO...
Well!!!
THAT CAME OUT OF NOWHERE WHY DO YOU WANNA KNOW?

I WAS STILL IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BACK THEN
I DON'T KNOW NOR CARE TO KNOW WHAT THEY DID IN MIDDLE SCHOOL
SO WHAT'S THE DEAL?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?!
ONCE THEY FOUND OUT YOU WERE YUKI AND SENYA NAKATSUKASA'S YOUNGER BROTHER, THEY RAN AWAY!
Shit
We're screwed!
THEN....
You heard the man
HMMMMM
wave
wave
wave
I don't know what happens when you get mixed up with those two.
WHATEVER THEY PULLED, IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME!
THEY'RE STRANGERS TO ME!
I HEARD THE GIRLS TALKING ABOUT IT. HOW THEY'D KISS AND SUCH WITHOUT BATTING AN EYE.
and stuff...
Oh, guess you didn't know.
WH-... WHA...?!
WHAT ABOUT THE RUMORS OF THEM BEING GAY?

A FAMILY-.....
THAT'S JUST
NO!
THOSE BASTARDS...!!
TH-
THERE'S NO WAY TWO BROTHERS WOULD BE GAY!!
DIDN'T YOU JUST CALL THEM STRANGERS...?
We're talking about my older brothers here!
NOTHING
FAMILY?
What?
clop
THAT WAS CLOSE
I ALMOST LET EVERYONE KNOW THAT "KISSING IS JUST ONE OF OUR FAMILY TRADITIONS"
wheeze
gasp
wheeze
THOSE ARE MY BROTHERS YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!
MY BIOLOGICAL BROTHERS! BIOLOGICAL!!
ANYWAY!
SLAM

CAN'T YOU BE A LITTLE GENTLER, YUKI?
SORRY
OW!
IF I DON'T SET THEM STRAIGHT--!!
SIGH...!!
WHATEVER RUMORS ARE CIRCULATING ABOUT NIICHAN-TACHI, IT DOESN'T CONCERN ME
BADUMP
BUT OF ALL THINGS BEING G- GAY?!
Mmmm
DO IT AGAIN. AGAIN. AGAIN.
AH, RIGHT THERE THAT'S SO GOOD.
Mm
RIGHT HERE?
BADU
Worrywart
WHA-.....?!
BADUMP
IT'S ALL BECAUSE THOSE TWO HAVE NO COMMON SENSE!
Uuuuugh
THEY'LL BRING SHAME UPON THE NAKATSUKASA FAMILY!!
WHAM
WHAT ARE THE TWO OF YOU DO-...!!

*referring to the "misinterpret as lusty sounds" gag

THAT'S THE REASON, RIGHT THERE!
THAT'S WHY THE RUMORS AT SCHOOL SAY THAT YOU TWO ARE H-HOMO!!
HUH
US?
THAT'S A RUMOR, I?
I miss middle school
WELL, THAT'S JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLERS FOR YOU
HUH
THEY'RE SUCH AMATEURS
IF THEY'RE GOING TO SPREAD RUMORS ABOUT US
THEY SHOULD AT LEAST CALL US GAY AND INCESTUOUS
Yup
CAN'T FORGET THAT PART
YOU TWO
LISTEN UP!!
I'LL BREAK OFF ALL TIES WITH YOU SO FAST YOUR HEAD WILL SPIN!!
YOU JUST TRY IT!
KIDDING WE'RE JUST KIDDING
I DON'T THINK HE BELIEVES US
Thanks for stating the obvious

THUMP THUD
I'LL LET THEM KNOW THE TEA'S ON
IT'S QUITE LIVELY UP THERE, ISN'T IT?
JUNE FESTIVAL?
June Festival
SATURDAY, HUH...?
IT'S BEING HELD NEXT SATURDAY
Cheer up!
Youngest: Masato Nakatsukasa
3rd eldest: Senya Nakatsukasa
OUR SCHOOL HOLDS ONE ONCE EVERY THREE YEARS
IT'S LIKE A MINI CULTURE FESTIVAL
2nd eldest: Yuki Nakatsukasa

Eldest
Touma Nakatsukasa
I DON'T THINK I CAN MAKE IT IF I LEAVE AFTER CLASS
MY SCHOOL'S PRETTY FAR AWAY.
frazzle frazzle
AND MY DEADLINE IS COMING UP...
IT'S FINE DON'T BOTHER GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY
THERE'S STILL THE CULTURE FESTIVAL IN THE FALL
But I want to go!
Father
Kazuwari Nakatsukasa
BRING 2 OR 3 FRIENDS WITH YOU, TOO
Oh yeah
I NEVER SAID I WAS GOING!!
COME! I'LL SHOW YOU AROUND
THERE'LL BE FOOD STANDS AND EVERYTHING
My treat
PAT PAT
Cut that out!
MASATO'S COMING RIGHT?
Your schools close
WE'LL SEE

June Fe
I CAME AFTER ALL
HEY, YOU REMEMBER HIM?
THAT'S NAKATSUKASA'S LITTLE BROTHER
I REMEMBER
DON'T SCREW UP
brought his friends along, too.
I BET THEY'RE FAMOUS HERE, TOO
Swoon
THIS IS GREAT! WE'LL FINALLY MEET THOSE TWO LEGENDS!
Wants to hug him but knows he'll get mad so resisting
OH, OKAY
ONII-CHAN-TACHI CAN'T GET FREE JUST YET
CAN YOU WAIT IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM FOR US?
OF COURSE-THIS IS ONII-CHAN'S HIGH SCHOOL
MASATO!
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF LIFE THEY LEAD HERE
You're his friends?
Yeah

.....
THAT'S SENPAI'S BROTHER?
I HEARD HE'S WITH NAKATSU-KASA!
THEY SAY THAT'S HIS LITTLE BROTHER.
NO WAY! THAT'S HIS LITTLE BROTHER?!
NO, SERIOUSLY? HOW CUTE!
WHERE?
I've seen him before
SAORI THE POOR KID'S SHAKING...
ARE YOU REALLY NAKATSU-KASA'S LITTLE BROTHER?
Y-YES?
"Little boy"...?
Oh don't be scared
JUST WHAT KIND OF HIGH-SCHOOL LIFE ARE THEY LEADING?!
Hiii, LITTLE BOY~
prance
WHAT IS THIS? WHAT'S GOING ON?
This is freaky
IS THE WHOLE SCHOOL GATHERED HERE?!
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?!

kyaaaaaaa
AND SO SMOOTH I'M SO JEALOUS!
kyaaa
kyaaaa
THIS GUY'S GOT POTENTIAL!
Let Ono-san be a candidate for your girlfriend!
LOOK, LOOK HIS HAIR'S SO LIGHT-COLORED
kyaaa
YOU'RE SOOO CUTE...
SCARY SCARY
Waaaah
OY OY! THIS ISN'T SOME KIND OF SHOW!
SCATTER!!
It's Nakatsukasa.
Oh hey
DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOT TO LAY A HAND ON MY BROTHER?
LOOKS LIKE YOU HAD QUITE THE SCARE
NI NH-CHAN
WE WOULD NEVER!
WE'D FOLLOW YUKI'S WORD TO THE LETTER♥
Rishi?
Oh there there
DID SOMEONE SAY SENYA-SENPAI'S LITTLE BROTHER CAME?

What's up?
WHERE WHERE? WE WANNA SEE
THERE HE IS
LOOKS HONEST, TOO
HE'S A REGU-LAR GUY
You dare to talk about your senpai like that?
What did you saaaaaay?
Aaaaahhhh it was a joke! Senpai!
SCOWL
TUG
NII-CHAN!
WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO START SHOWING ME AROUND?!
OH .. SORRY 'BOUT THAT
Bye! Gonna show him around.
Awwwww

LET'S GO, MASATO.
WAS I SO IRRITATED FOR NO REASON?
WHY
It's an honor to meet you sirs!
おでん
Story of Stars
ASTRONOMY CLUB
Cu de
氷
っしゃいませ

YOU SHOULD COME TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL, MASATO.
WHADDYA THINK? PRETTY NEAT, RIGHT?
YEAH
THERE ARE LOTS OF EVENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN IT'S FUN
I'LL THINK ABOUT IT
YEAH. PLUS, WHEN I FINALLY ENTER
YOU TWO WILL HAVE ALREADY GRADUATED
chat
chat
IT'S SO CROWDED
chatter
chatter
Whoaaa So this is the gymnasium
SENYA, WE'D BETTER GET GOING
OH, RIGHT.
It's already time?
WE'RE ABOUT TO GO ON STAGE FOR THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRODUCTION
WATCH US
PRODUC-TION?
yup
In the gymna-sium?

It totally fits!
Really?
I heard Senya's playing the prince
I know!
NAKATSU-KASA-SENPAI, HURRY ON STAGE♥
Just a little longer
I CAN'T WAIT!
TWITTER
TWITTER
HM?
AREN'T THOSE GIRLS IN OUR CLASS?
YOU'RE RIGHT
THEY CAME OUT TO SEE THOSE TWO LEGENDS, TOO
I'd put money on it
CAME OUT
TO SEE NIICHAN-TACHI ?
EVERYONE

kyaaa
OH, IT'S STARTING
PRESENTED BY THE STUDENT COUNCIL
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PA-TIENCE
What kind of production is this?

IT IS MY FATHER'S WILL, I MUST...
I MUST...
Oh?
PFFT
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, PRINCE-SAMA!
SHADDUP!!
ahahaha
HAHA...
Wahaha
HUH?
MASATO...?

SENYA-NIICHAN-TACHI ARE LIVING A LIFE
RIGHT HERE IN THIS
UNFAMILIAR SCHOOL
THAT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT
MASATO, YOU'RE OUR NUMBER ONE
LOOK!
MASATO NAKATSUKASA?
WE'RE HERE JUST FOR YOU
YOU SEEM TO BE HAVING A MUCH BETTER TIME WITH YOUR FRIENDS
Oh yeah?
YOU CAN EVEN FINISH EACH OTHER'S SENTENCES-
-SO, WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?!
Who cares what Niichan-tachi do?
Kinda dense
HUH? YES...?

MASATO?!
WAAAHH?!
What's going on?!
YOU'RE COMING WITH ME
mmph
Shit
WHAT DO WE DO?
NO CHOICE
mmmm
TAKE THEM WITH US
WHAAAAT?!
What do we do?
Wh-
WHAT THE HELL ?!
Be careful when responding to strangers

HEY, CHULINA-BAYASHI SORRY, BUT CAN YOU GO LOOK FOR MY LITTLE BROTHER?
Go for
WHAT'S WRONG?
NO, NOTHING
SURE
IT'S JUST THAT HE DISAPPEARED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PLAY, SO I WONDERED WHAT HAPPENED
ONLY YOU WOULD NOTICE
You don't miss anything when it comes to Misaki
SENPAI!!
HMMM
THIS WAS IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM. !!
Warning
cious little brother
back, then
to Warehouse 4
by 5 00

I HAVE A FEW GUESSES
as I'm sure you do
I thought as much
THINK YOU KNOW WHO IT IS?
I DON'T WANT KAZUNARI-SAN-TACHI TO WORRY
CRUMPLE
LET'S MOVE QUICKLY
DAMN IT... IT'S ONLY HALF AN HOUR UNTIL 5:00!!
YEAH,
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE CLEAN-UP
Being popular's tough
SORRY, KUSUNOKI BUT...

Why me
Whew!
SORRY ABOUT THIS...
WE'VE GOT NOTHING AGAINST YOU GUYS
DO YOU REALLY
THINK YOU'RE GONNA GET AWAY WITH THIS?
WE JUST OWE YOUR BROTHERS A TINY LITTLE PAYBACK.
I KNEW IT
What the hell have those two been doing
GASP
CHOKE

Baby
WE WERE AFRAID OF THAT, SO WE WAITED TO CLAIM OUR REVENGE.
BUT
WITH THIS MANY PEOPLE ON OUR SIDE, WE HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR!!
URK...
SURE, YUKI-NII MIGHT LOOK LIKE A NICE GUY
BUT HE'S 10 TIMES MORE SEVERE IN PAYBACK!
DEATH AWAITS YOU
ULTIMATE TECHNIQUE!!
YUKI-NII'S ULTIMATE TECHNIQUE IS TO SLOWLY BREAK YOUR MIND PIECE BY PIECE!!
YOU'RE SORELY MISTAKEN IF YOU THINK IT'LL END AT PHYSICAL RETALIATION!
YOU THINK NUMBERS HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT?!
YOU DON'T WANT TO GET TOO COCKY,
Masato~
YOU DON'T WANT TO MESS UP YOUR PRETTY FACE, DO YOU?
HOW DO DUNDERING BLOCKHEADS LIKE YOU
EVER EXPECT TO WIN AGAINST ANIKI-TACHI?!*
WAAAAH
MASATO!!!
.....YOU SHOULD WATCH WHAT YOU SAY, KID.
TWITCH

*one of many ways to say "older brothers" in Japanese

NII-CHAN-TACHI WILL DEFINITELY COME HERE TO RESCUE US!
IT'S THEM.
THEY'RE HERE!!
WAI- YOU'RE GONNA GET HIS KILLED!
Shaddup! I know!
I'M JUST SCARIN' HIM UP A BIT
MASA-TO-
WE'LL BE FINE
TRY NOT TO PISS THE GUY OFF
Where's your sense of self preservation?

TWO
FOUR
SIX
THERE'RE QUITE A FEW OF THEM.

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TWO WEARING?!
YOU INSULTING US?!
IF WE'D TAKEN THE TIME TO CHANGE, WE WOULDN'T HAVE MADE IT HERE ON TIME
WOULD THAT HAVE BEEN OKAY WITH YOU?
BRING HIM HERE
THERE YA GO
NEVERMIND THAT
I TRUST THAT MASATO'S UNHARMED!
It's against my nature to look up at others
YOUR BROTHERS ARE HERE TO SAVE YOU JUST LIKE YOU WANTED

SEE WHAT YOU'VE DONE?!
WELL?!
WHAT THE HELL DID YOU DO TO ANTAGONIZE THIS MANY PEOPLE?
THANKS TO YOU, EVEN MY INNOCENT FRIENDS GOT INVOLVED!!
I knew he'd be mad
YOU STUPID ANIKI!!
I'M PRETTY SURE I HAD DIRT ON THE ONES ON THE RIGHT AT SOME TIME OR ANOTHER.
I DON'T RECOGNIZE THE ONES ON THE LEFT
Oh
THOSE ARE
PEOPLE I BEAT UP A COUPLE DAYS AGO
They tried to punch me 'cos I looked at them funny or something
Which means
THAT SOMEHOW
BOTH GROUPS ARE CONFRONTING US ALL AT ONCE
I wonder when they partnered up
JUST WHAT KIND OF HIGH SCHOOL LIFE ARE THEY LIVING?!
HEH

WHAT BEAUTIFUL BROTHERLY LOVE
WHAT'S BEAUTIFUL ABOUT IT?!
MASATO!!
NAKA-TSUKA-SA BROTH-ERS!
OUR REVENGE IS TODAY!
GIVE IT UP!
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GETTING YOURSELF INTO!
BACK OFF!
AND KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT!
WHACK
SLAM

SFX: smack
They did the one thing they shouldn't have done...
NOW I'M PISSED...
PREPARE YOURSELVES, BASTARDS-!!
THERE'RE ONLY 2 OF THEM!
GET THEM!!
DON'T LOSE YOUR NERVE!
UH-OH...

WHOOSH
MASATO, ARE YOU OKAY?!
I dunno whether to call you "brave or reckless"...
SURE, THIS IS NOTHING
—HEY,
THAT'S A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE THEY GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT?!
THEY'LL BE ALL RIGHT.
MY BROTHERS ARE STRONG.
THEY'VE GOT WAY MORE EXPERIENCE FIGHTING.

GWAH!!
SFX. BAM
WHAM
POW
Go easy. Go easy.
Yo
GYAH

THERE'RE ONLY TWO OF THEM!!
WH...
WHAT ARE YOU ALL DOING?!
OUCH
KAPOW
It's an uneven fight...
WHAM
BAM
It's hard to move around in these clothes
DOES HE THINK HIMSELF SOME KIND OF WILD ANIMAL?
He's not leaving any for me
IT'S OKAY, MASATO. YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG.
EVEN IF WE DON'T HAVE A 'KAA-SAN, WE ARE A FAMILY
AND DEFINITELY WIN THEM
YOUR FAMILY
DOESN'T EVEN HAVE A 'KAA-CHAN!!
Nyan-nan
AND, BECAUSE THEY ALWAYS

SENYA-NIICHAN, BEHIND YOU!!
YOU LITTLE
I WAS ABLE TO BELIEVE IN MYSELF
GWAH!
SFX: THWACK

WHOOHOO! NICE~!
Th... they've got weapons.
Scary...
Y'KNOW... THAT MASATO is really something
Hey!! Why aren't you staying quiet?!
Right side! Right.
POW
THOSE TWO ARE REALLY STRONG
They look like they're just relieving stress
— BUT HE WAS RIGHT
SFX: WHAM

HEH...
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS YOU!
IT CAN'T BE...!!
ARE YOU EVEN HUMAN?!
About to die all alone
It's true
SENYA!!
SLICE
WHOOSH
TSS...
CH'
BASTARD!!

HWUMPH
GNAHH
ATTEMPT TO SCRATCH SENYA'S FACE!!
HOW DARE YOU
Another Down for the Count
bump
IT'S YOUR ONE AND ONLY REDEEMING FEATURE
NOT THAT I'M NOT GRATEFUL BUT...
what the hell...?
NAKATSUKASA BASTARDS~
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'D PULL THIS PATHETIC FARCE JUST BECAUSE YOUR CLUB WASN'T RECOGNIZED
WELL, WELL I THOUGHT I'D SEEN YOU SOMEWHERE KITANOJIMA, WAS IT?
YOU DESTROYED OUR CLUB!!
YOU MAKE IT SOUND SO BAD
DID YOU THINK THAT THREE MEMBERS MAKE A CLUB?
I'LL ADMIT YOU'VE GOT GUTS
CAN'T SAY THE SAME ABOUT BRAINS

YOU CAN'T EVEN GET ENOUGH PEOPLE TO ATTEND YOUR PRECIOUS CLUB ACTIVITIES!
YOU CAN PRACTICE YOUR HYPNO-TISM AT HOME
There's not a very good grudge
WHO THE HELL DIED AND MADE YOU GOD?
YOU DID NOTHING BUT STAND BEHIND AND WATCH.
YOU JUST LET OTHERS TO DO YOUR DIRTY WORK, YOU SLY BASTARD!
DWK
OHHH... I SEE.
YOU WANT TO FIGHT ME THAT BADLY, HUH?
CRAP.
YUKI GOT SERIOUS.
He's doomed
Huh?
VERY WELL.

Nooooo!
WHERE'D HE GET THAT THING?!
Gaaah!
BANG
BANG
BANG
Bttt
Bttt
Uwaaaa
Eeeeeek
Gyaaaah
K-
CHAK
I ASSUME YOU'RE READY?
Bttt
EEK!
BANG
I WENT FIRST 'COS HE GETS CREEPY WHEN HE'S MAD...
Gyaaaaaah
PEOPLE ARE GONNA DIE!!
This manga's scary

YUKI!! YUKI!!
ENOUGH! ENOUGH!!
THEY SEEM TO HAVE LEARNED THEIR LESSON
THAT'S ENOUGH RIGHT?
I'LL NEVER DO IT AGAIN
OBVIOUSLY
DID YOU THINK I WOULD SLIP UP SO BADLY?
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANYONE'S DEAD
NOT A CHANCE
WHERE DID YOU GET THAT THING ANYWAY?
IS IT REAL?
THEY WERE JUST LYING IN THOSE BROKEN BOXES OVER THERE
WHAT ARE GUNS DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THAT!?
FWEEEEEEEE

CRAP!
RUN FOR IT!
THIS IS THE POLICE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING OVER THERE?!
stride
stride
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO WEAR THE UNIFORM.
MAN, YOU REALLY WENT ALL OUT.
OH YEAH, WE'RE FINE. I ASKED CHUUNABAYASHI TO DO ME A FAVOR.
NI.
NII-CHAN!
DAZED
POLICE...?
ポーゼン
HUH?
SENPAI. SENPAI!
I'M RIGHT HERE
I TOLD HIM TO PICK THE RIGHT TIME AND BARGE IN PRETENDING TO BE THE POLICE

HEY! WE FOUND GUNS ON THE OTHER SIDE!
WHAT?!
I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU ALL A FEW QUESTIONS.
WE RECEIVED A TIP ABOUT SOME LOUD NOISES IN THE AREA
He's real?!
Arrgggg
MY HEAD~
NO more
groan
SO,
YOU'RE SAYING THAT THOSE GUNS WERE REAL?
THAT'S RIGHT
WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR THE EVIDENCE OF THE ARMS CONTRABAND EVER SINCE WE CAUGHT WIND OF IT,
THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION
IT'S BECAUSE I WAS WITH YOU TWO!!
Obviously
R-real...?!
HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO LOCATE IT SO EASILY?
BUT WE WERE NEVER ABLE TO FIND ANYTHING

I SEE...
I WOULD GUESS THAT THEY PERHAPS THOUGHT HE'D SIGHTED THEIR CARGO OR SOMETHING...
MY LITTLE BROTHER HERE WAS KIDNAPPED
This was during our school festival
I didn't think they'd shoot at you
SOUNDS VERY DANGEROUS
YADDA YADDA ETC ETC
AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED
WELL, NO ONE WAS HURT
WE HAVEN'T HAD THE EASIEST TIME OF IT EITHER ACTUALLY,...
I see. So this is why people have grudges against him...
REMIND ME NEVER TO GET ON HIS BAD SIDE
IF YOU ASK ME, THOSE PEOPLE WHO RAN AWAY JUST NOW SEEMED PARTICULARLY SUSPICIOUS...
Mm hmm
YESSIR!!!
THAT ABOUT WRAPS IT UP I APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION
TAKE CARE ON THE WAY HOME
4
I'm off~
Well senpai

YOU NEED TO REVISE YOUR EVERYDAY BEHAVIOR!!
JEEZ, NIICHAN-TACHI.
WHY IS IT ALWAYS ME?
OF COURSE.
GOOD THING YUKI WAS THERE TO GET US OUT.
Shouldn't you take off your bandana?
SENPAI!!
Ughh! Cut it out!
SOOORRY MASATO-CHAN
DON'T BE MAD ♥
Have a safe trip home
SURE SORRY TO GET YOU CAUGHT UP IN IT.
NOTHING TO BE SORRY FOR ♥
WE LOVE YOU GUYS!!
even if it was scary
THAT WAS INCREDIBLE!!
YOU GUYS WERE SO COOL!!

YOU'RE IMPOSSIBLE
SENYA,
YOUR HAND'S BLEEDING.
HUH?
So it is
OW
Man, Sen-nii always sees himself hurt.
Is your knife wound okay?
Ow ow ow Sankyuu

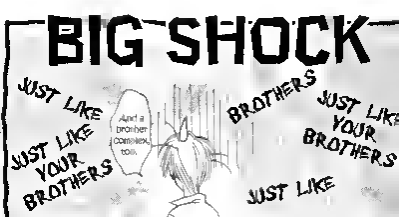
He was just...
JUST DISINFECTING THE WOUND RIGHT?
HE DID IT SO NATURALLY
and Masato didn't even bat an eye.
WHA-
WHAT WAS THAT...?

AFTER-WARDS
A SHORT ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE NEWSPAPER
AND THE CRIMINALS WHO RAN THE ARMS CONTRABAND WERE CAUGHT SOON AFTER.
In spite of Yuki-nii's misleading testimony
YUKI-NIICHAN AND SENYA-NIICHAN
OF COURSE
WENT ON WITH THEIR LIVES AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED
But even so
THOSE TWO
ARE DISGUSTINGLY FEARLESS

They're a legend here at our school too
THEY AREN'T YOUR AVERAGE GUYS
TRUE. IT'S NOT EVERYDAY THAT A PERSON CAN RESOLVE A POLICE CASE
BUT, STILL
AAARGH!
IF I KEEP HANGING AROUND THOSE TWO LUNATICS, WHO KNOWS WHAT CRAZY STUFF I'LL GET CAUGHT UP IN NEXT!
I'D PREFER NOT TO SEE THE END OF THE WORLD, THANKS!
HUH?
YOU WERE PRETTY REMARKABLE YOURSELF.
LAST NIGHT'S EVENTS REALLY BROUGHT IT HOME
TO PUT IT BLUNTLY, WE CAN'T KEEP UP
AND YOU ROOTED THEM ON THROUGH THAT CRAZY FRAY WITHOUT HESITATING...
HUH? HUH?
YOU WERE THE ONE CARELESSLY MOUTHING OFF TO THE BAD GUY
Even if some of them weren't that 'bad'
EH?

YOU'RE JUST LIKE YOUR BROTHERS.
Blood doesn't lie.
You've got a brother complex, too?

It figures
We didn't show up much huh?


BIG SHOCK
JUST LIKE
JUST LIKE YOUR BROTHERS
And a brother complex, too.
BROTHERS
JUST LIKE YOUR BROTHERS
JUST LIKE

↑ It's echoing

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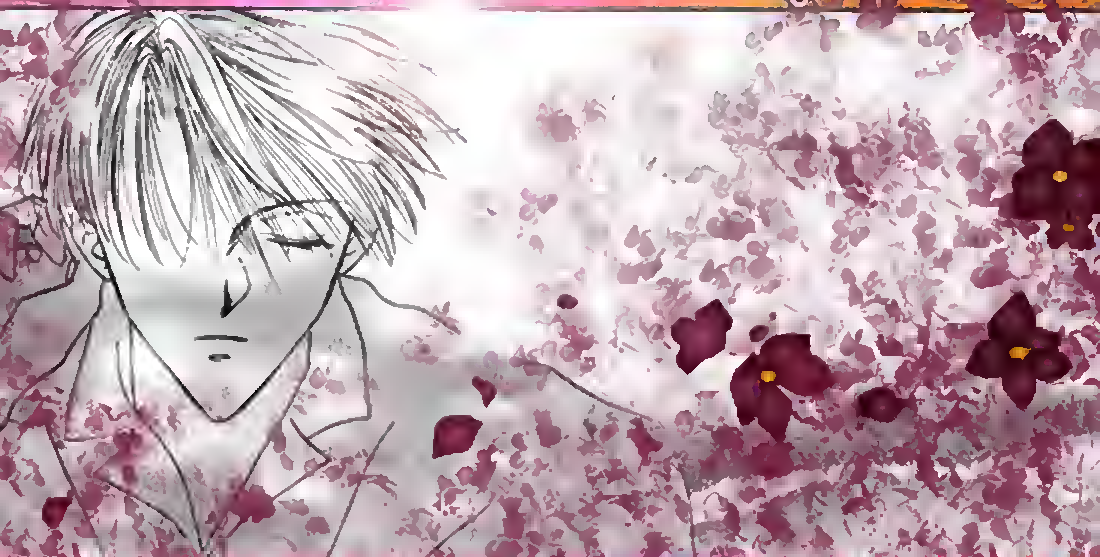

3rd Story
The Starting Point
---IT TAKES JUST ONE MOMENT,
SPLASH
LIKE THAT BRIEF INSTANT WHEN YOU PASS BY ANOTHER PERSON.
THAT'S ALL IT TAKES HIM TO WIN OVER YOUR HEART
I AM CERTAIN THERE [illegible] LIKE THAT WHO EXIST.

the starting point
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第3話
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3rd story
LOVE

I SEE
HE DIDN'T WANT TO CRUSH THE HYDRANGEA PETALS FLOATING ON THE WATER
SO HE JUMPED OVER THE PUDDLE.
AH
SORRY
DID I GET YOU WET?
NO...
I-I'M FINE.
YEAH? WHEW.
GOOD TO HEAR.
WOW.
HE'S BEAUTIFUL.
HUH?

GOOD MORNING, NAKATSUKASA -KUN ♡
MORNING?
That jerk Yuki left without me
DID YOU GUYS FINISH THE MATH PROBLEMS?
SENYA---!
YO!
I DIDN'T KNOW WE HAD STUDENTS LIKE HIM AT OUR SCHOOL..
THE WORLD THAT WE LIVE IN
SENYA NAKATSUKASA, HUH?
WE DO NO MORE THAN WHAT IT TAKES TO GET BY. WE'RE CONTENT TO LIVE A FUTURE THAT'S ALMOST NO DIFFERENT FROM THE PRESENT.
IS CHARACTERIZED BY A SORT OF APATHY TOWARDS OTHERS.
IT MAKES SENSE, IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT.

I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU WRITE IN A LONG TIME.
YEAH.
SAKAKI-BARA,
WE'RE CHANGING CLASSROOMS FOR NEXT PERIOD...
OH, HEY.
IT WOULD BE EXHAUSTING TO SEIZE EACH DAY AND LIVE EVERY ONE AS IF IT WAS YOUR LAST
WHO HAS THAT KIND OF ENERGY?
I JUST...
HAPPENED TO DISCOVER SOMEONE
WHO STIRRED MY MUSE.
THAT DAY
I FOUND MYSELF INTRIGUED
BY THE YOUNG MAN WHO DODGED THE HYDRANGEA PETALS

WITH THOSE LOOKS, HE STOOD OUT IN A CROWD.
AND ONCE I STARTED PAYING ATTENTION, STORIES ABOUT HIM WERE EVERYWHERE.
HE WAS A SCHOOL CELEBRITY.
BRIGHT, CHEERFUL, INTELLIGENT, ATHLETIC, AND A SECOND-YEAR LIKE MYSELF
AND SOMEHOW, I NEVER KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT HIM. I WAS STARTLED TO REALIZE THE EXTENT OF MY DETACHMENT FROM OTHERS.
THANKS.
CAN I READ IT WHEN YOU'RE DONE?
YOU MENTIONED SOMETHING BEFORE ABOUT A CONTEST YOU REALLY LIKED.
I DON'T THINK I WAS ALWAYS LIKE THIS
IS THAT THE ESSAY YOU'RE GOING TO SUBMIT FOR THE CONTEST?
BUT THIS... ISN'T A CONTEST ENTRY.
I LOVED THAT STORY.
YOU WON AN AWARD ONCE, RIGHT?

WE RENTED AN APARTMENT FOR YOU CLOSE TO YOUR SCHOOL.
WE WANT YOU TO HAVE A GOOD ENVIRONMENT TO STUDY IN.
YOU NEED TO TAKE OVER THE HOSPITAL AFTER YOUR FATHER RETIRES.
AFTER ALL, YOU'RE OUR ONLY SON.
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU.
THE CONTEST WAS JUST A THOUGHT. I'M NOT GOING TO SUBMIT ANYTHING.
REALLY?
YEAH.
BUT YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD WRITER.
FLAP
FLAP
HM?
RUSTLE

THAT GUY...?
DASH
scratch scratch
...

SOU? IT'S MOM. HAVE YOU BEEN STUDYING PROPERLY?
I HEARD FINALS ARE COMING UP. GOOD LUCK. MAKE SURE YOU READ AHEAD AND REVIEW EVERY LESSON
OH YEAH... AND ABOUT YOUR CAREER PATH I SPOKE WITH YOUR FATHER AND--
BEEP
YOUR MESSAGE HAS BEEN DELETED.
BEEEEEP
MY PARENTS ONLY CALL TO TALK ABOUT WHAT PATH I SHOULD TAKE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL.
HOW I MUST GO TO A GOOD COLLEGE, AND FOLLOW IN MY FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS
IT'S MY DUTY, AS THE ONLY SON
THAT'S ALL MY LIFE IS WORTH
RRRRING!

OH... AH, EXCUSE ME.
IS THIS NUMBER 34XX-63XX?
NAKATSUKASA?
NO, IT'S NOT.
IT'S ONLY A DIGIT OFF FROM MY NUMBER.
NO, I'M SORRY, IT'S NOT.
click
YES?
AH. HELLO? IS THIS THE NAKATSUKASA RESIDENCE?
click
SORRY, I MUST HAVE DIALED THE WRONG NUMBER.
SURE...
NAKATSUKASA ISN'T A COMMON FAMILY NAME...
IT'S PROBABLY...
IT'S PROBABLY HIS NUMBER.
click
SAWA'S...

WHOA.
WHAT'S THE DEAL?
THIS GUY CAN REALLY WRITE.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW HIS NAME HOW AM I GOING TO GET THIS TO HIM?
I BET THIS BELONGS TO THAT GUY.
I BARELY CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF HIM, THOUGH...
SENYA-NIICHAN,
IF YOU DIE RIGHT THERE, I'M GOING TO STEP ON YOU.
SQUOOOSH
OOF!
Why you
YOU COULD'VE WARNED ME BEFORE YOU STEPPED ON ME!!
Masato--!
I'm not dead!

OH NO! I'M SORRY!
Senya, ARE YOU OKAY?
ET TU, KAZUNARI-SAN?
WAIT.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO.
LET DAD DO THE DISHES.
SQUOOSH
URG
Ah
SENYA, I DIDN'T SEE YOU THERE.
SORRY! SORRY!
TOUMA-NIICHAAAAN
MASATO, CAN YOU WASH THIS, TOO?
SQUOOSH
HEY, IT'S THE PHONE.
RRRRING!
Go pick it up, Shoo
I bet you did it on purpose-
YOU'RE NOT EVEN GOING TO APOLOGIZE?!
Yuki?!
OH, THERE YOU ARE.
Senya
I FILLED THE BATHTUB.
WHO'S FIRST?
SQUOOOOOOOSH
AAAAAAAARGH
HELLO, NAKATSU-KASA RESIDENCE.
Yuki that bastard
YOU WERE SO QUIET, I FORGOT YOU EXISTED.
What a slacker

BABUMP
HELLO?
HELLOOOOO?
CRANK CALL?
ER...
SENYA...?
CLACK
THIS IS HE SPEAKING
WHO'S CALL-

AFTER ALL ..
HE SAID MY NAME
NO... I DON'T THINK SO.
WHAT? WAS IT A PRANK CALL?
BEEEEEP BEEEEEP
WHAT ..
I CALLED HIM
WHAT WAS I THINKING?
HE'S CHEERFUL AND ENERGETIC
HE'S POPULAR
HE HAS SWARMS OF FRIENDS
WHY AM I SO ATTACHED TO HIM?
THERE'S NO WAY
HE'D REMEMBER WHO I AM.

HE'S SOMEONE
WHO REALLY SEES ANOTHER PERSON, NO MATTER WHO IT IS
I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK OTHERWISE
WHY IS SENYA ON THE PHONE, IF HE ISN'T GOING TO TALK?
Dunno, but HE'S BEEN DOING IT EVERY NIGHT.
"""
AAAAARGH!
DAMN IT!
HE HUNG UP AGAIN!
CLANG
IF YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SAY
THEN HURRY UP AND SAY IT!!!
LET IT GO. IT'S JUST A PRANK CALLER

AND WHEN SOMEONE ASKS FOR YOU
YOU GOTTA ANSWER. YA KNOW?
NO, IT'S NOT.
HE ASKED FOR ME.
Oh?
I DID IT AGAIN.
SIGH
AND SO I KEEP DOING IT
TH..IT'S STRANGE.
BUT FOR WHATEVER REASON
HE DOES H'NG UP
I KNOW I SHOULDN'T.
IT'S COMPLETELY SELFISH OF ME.

LET'S GIVE IT OUR ALL IN TODAY'S COOKING CLASS!
THAT WAY WE CAN GIVE THEM TO SENYA-KUN ♡
Our cookies
IT'S NOT A DEVASTATING LOSS OR ANYTHING, BUT...
I'M MISSING SOME PAGES?
WHAT DO YOU LIKE SO MUCH ABOUT HIM, MIYU?
And HOT!
OKAY, I'LL ADMIT, HE'S VERY COOL.
YEAH, I LIKE HIM! SO?!
You have lots of competition
YOU LIKE HIM THAT MUCH?
MIYU'S SENYA-CRAZY SIDE APPEARS AGAIN!
HMMM.
LOTS OF THINGS REALLY.
Let me think
BUT ESPECIALLY THE FACT THAT
HE NEVER FORGETS ANYONE ONCE HE'S SPOKEN TO THEM.
WHEN DID I LOSE THEM?

IT'S SUCH A GOOD FEELING TO KNOW SOMEONE REMEMBERS YOU, YOU KNOW?
SO BASICALLY, YOU THINK HE'S GALLANT.
NO, THAT'S NOT ALL I'M SAYING...
HE NEVER FORGETS ANYONE
ONCE HE'S SPOKEN TO THEM...?
IT'S LIKE SAYING "I SEE YOU AS A PERSON AND NOT A FACE IN THE CROWD."
REALLY?
DO PEOPLE LIKE THAT EVEN EXIST?
WITH THAT KIND OF GOD-LIKE MEMORY?

THIS IS HURTING YOUR STUDIES!
STOP THIS AT ONCE!
I JUST WANTED TO LIVE MY LIFE WITHOUT ANY DRAMA.
I THOUGHT I COULD DO WHATEVER MY PARENTS SAID AND GET ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD
HELLO?! SOU, ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?!
BUT...
MOM...
RRRRING
HELLO, MOM.
Oh
YES?
I DIDN'T THINK IT'D MATTER.
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS, SOU?!
HOW DARE YOU! ENTER A NOVELIST CONTEST WITHOUT MENTIONING ANYTHING TO US!!
!!
THEY FOUND OUT ?
AND YOU WON SOME KIND OF AWARD?! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US?!

LET ME WRITE THIS NOVEL.
I WANT TO CREATE A WORLD WITH MY OWN HANDS.
WHAT NONSENSE IS THIS?!
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO INHERIT YOUR FATHER'S BUSINESS!
I UNDERSTAND THAT...
.. BUT THEN I WON'T BE ABLE TO DO WHAT I WANT IN LIFE!
YOU'RE YOUNG. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT.
BE A GOOD BOY AND JUST DO AS WE TELL YOU.
YOU'LL BE HAPPY THIS WAY.
IF YOU CAN'T,
THEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'VE SPENT ALL THESE YEARS RAISING YOU FOR!

...MNN?
Don't sleep here
YUKI...?
Oh
YOU'RE AWAKE?
I WAS ABOUT TO CARRY YOU TO YOUR BED.
Sure, I don't mind
DID ANYONE CALL WHILE I WAS SLEEPING?
NO.
I'd rather die.
YEAH, I DID, SO STAY AWAY FROM ME.
It's too hot
KICK
WAAAA!
DID YOU JUST GET OUT OF THE SHOWE--
Hmph
AND I'D HAVE TO TAKE ANOTHER BATH WITH YOU.
AND THEN WHAT? WE'D BOTH GET ALL SWEATY
You know I like the smell of soap
boo-hoo!
MEANIE! I JUST WANTED TO HUG FOR A LITTLE BIT...

CLACK
RRRING!
HELLO THIS IS THE NAKATSUKASA RESIDENCE!!
ba-bump!
TH-THAT WAS FAST
WHAT HAPPENED, YOU-WHO-CALLED-MY-NAME?
I'M HERE.
I'M READY TO LISTEN.
I HEAR IT THE SOUND OF HIS SOS.
BUT
Ah
YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT.
WHATEVER YOU WANT TO SAY, JUST SPIT IT OUT.
STILL WAITING FOR HIM?
YEAH.
WHAT HAPPENED? HE'S LATE
I DON'T THINK HE'S GOING TO CALL TONIGHT.
Don't beat yourself up about it

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?! YOU'RE LATE!!!
IT'S YOU AGAIN, RIGHT?!
SIGH...
WHAT DO I DO? I WISH YOU'D TALK TO ME...
YOU'D BETTER NOT CALL THIS LATE NEXT TIME!!
I GOT SO BORED JUST WAITING, I FELL ASLEEP!!
Oh the sofa!
HUH?!
YOU WIN.
Ha-ha-ha
SORRY.
I'M SORRY.
Heh
OY! YOU LISTENING?!
SAY SOMETHING!
YOU STILL AREN'T GOING TO TALK?!

WILL SOMEONE... ANYONE...
EVER SEE ME AS MORE THAN A FACE IN THE CROWD?
IT'S OKAY.
LET'S MEET.
SO. HE SPEAKS.
I'M A TOTAL STRANGER TO YOU
...I WISH WE COULD MEET, SENYA.
BUT YOU STILL TRY SO HARD FOR ME.
WHEN IT NEVER HAPPENED
I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT ABOUT IT
OF WHAT WORTH IS MY EXISTENCE?
I BECAME SO DETACHED FROM EVERYTHING THAT I SHOCKED EVEN MYSELF.
Ah!
SORRY!
IT'S LATE. I REALLY SHOULDN'T BOTHER YOU...

HUH?
IT'S YOU!! I REMEMBER TALKING TO YOU!
UH... OH YEAH! I WAS THAT MORNING AFTER THE RAIN LET UP!
...OH, IT'S...
SENYA?
haa
Er...
YOU DON'T REMEMBER?
YEAH, WE DIDN'T TALK VERY LONG.
WILL SOMEONE...
EVER SEE ME AS MORE THAN A FACE IN THE CROWD?
...NO, I REMEMBER.
HE ACTUALLY REMEMBERED ME.
REALLY?!
OH YEAH! I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU...
rustle rustle

Sorry, I read it without permission
YOU KNOW, YOUR WRITING'S REALLY GOOD, SAKAKIBARA.
LET ME SEE IT WHEN YOU'RE DONE.
SO WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
Uh
SOU SABAKI-BARA ..
HUH... AH.. THANKS
..BUT
WHY DID SHE HAVE TO CALL AND SAY ALL THAT
IT'S NEVER GOING TO BE FINISHED.
I NEED TO PREPARE FOR ENTRANCE EXAMS.
WELL IT'S A LITTLE LATE FOR REGRETS NOW
I've been carrying it around in case I ever ran into you
I THINK YOU DROPPED THIS.
rustle
I ONLY CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF YOUR BACK, BUT...
I was sure I'd seen you before
...OH
SO YOU HAD IT...
What a crazy coincidence!
PEOPLE LIKE HIM REALLY DO EXIST...
BRIGHT, HONEST, ALWAYS ACTING LIKE HIMSELF AND LOVED BY EVERYONE AROUND HIM.
I'VE ALWAYS ADMIRED THOSE TRAITS.
THOUGHT THAT IF ONLY I WERE LIKE THAT.

WHAT?!
ALREADY?!
I wish I never asked.
NO...
THEN YOU'LL FINISH WRITING AFTER EXAMS ARE OVER?
...IT'S MY PARENT'S.
THEY'RE AGAINST IT.
YOU DON'T WANT TO BECOME A NOVELIST?
WHY NOT? YOU'RE GOOD AT IT.
WHAAAAAT?
WHY?!
BUT IT'S WHAT YOU WANT TO DO!!
MOST KIDS THESE DAYS HAVE NO CLUE WHAT THEY WANT TO DO WITH THEIR LIFE!
Sounds like an old man
SHOULDN'T YOUR PARENTS BE OVERJOYED TO LET YOU PURSUE YOUR DREAM?!

I DON'T REALLY GET ALL THE DETAILS,
BUT MY FATHER RUNS A HOSPITAL...
AND SINCE I'M THE ONLY SON
I HAVE TO TAKE OVER AFTER HE RETIRES.
AND YOU'RE OKAY WITH THAT, SAKAIBARA?
.....
I TRIED TELLING THEM
THAT I WANTED TO BE A NOVELIST, BUT THEY DIDN'T TAKE ME SERIOUSLY AT ALL...
YOU'RE KIDDING.
YOU DIDN'T GIVE UP BECAUSE OF THAT, DID YOU?
WRITING IS WHAT YOU LOVE.
IF YOU BUTT HEADS WITH THEM ENOUGH TIMES, EVENTUALLY THEY'LL GET IT.

...IT WON'T WORK.
MY PARENTS WOULD NEVER...
GAH!
YOU'RE SUCH A PESSIMIST!
STANDS
DID YOU SHOW THEM THAT YOU MEAN IT?
DID YOU SAY, "MY GOAL IS TO BE A NOVELIST!"
DID YOU TRY OVER AND OVER AGAIN TO CONVINCE THEM?
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I SAY IT.
BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T PROVE THAT YOU MEAN IT, THEY'RE NEVER GOING TO UNDERSTAND!!

IF YOU TELL YOURSELF YOU CAN ONLY GO SO FAR OR DO SO MUCH AND YOU GIVE UP RIGHT THERE,
THEN YOU'LL NEVER GET ANY FURTHER.
SHOW THEM THAT YOU MEAN IT.
RUNNING AWAY WILL GET ME NOWHERE.

YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND.
CLENCH
YOUR FATHER AND I HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF YOU.
...I KNOW THAT.
I KNOW I'M RUNNING AWAY.
BUT...
AND PEOPLE STILL LOVE YOU.
YOU... YOU HAVE NOTHING TO BE SCARED OF.
YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING
IF I DISOBEY THEM. .
AND FIND OUT IT'S TRUE THAT NO ONE'S EVER NEEDED ME...
I'VE BEEN SCARED.
THE ONLY WAY I'LL EVER SEE THAT MY EXISTENCE IS WORTH SOMETHING IS BY DOING WHAT MY PARENTS TELL ME TO!
IF I DON'T SUCCEED MY FATHER AT THE HOSPITAL,
THEN MY PARENTS WILL CONSIDER ME COMPLETELY WORTHLESS.
I'VE BEEN FRIGHTENED FOR SO LONG.

YOU WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND
THE WAY I FEEL!!

こんにちわっ。『みんな愛のせいね』1巻 お手に取って頂いて 有難うございます。これは小説初めてのシリーズものなんですけど しかし… まー なんとしかか。ゼンクリですね。 最初読みかけの方がで推し作品なので 今だに描いてるなんてなんかフシギです。あんまりは思ってもみなかった（あたりまえ！）。しかも もーしばらく続くとゆー !! いーのかなー…。 でも うその男がもともと 愛しいのほか 皆さんに気に入って頂けたとゆーことは 大変嬉しいことでありまして… 今まちう なんだか いつのまにかこんなに長く（私にしては）つき合う事になった 中務の人達もただ楽しんで描いております。 それに この人達は スゴクリラックスして描けるので連載とか言われても 少しは気楽です。あんまり私は なんも考えなくてよいしのです。（頑丈に動くので…）私に合ったシャシなのかなぁ。判んないけど。 でも ねがみ 読みたかりと ネームがったので シリーズになった今 設定の甘さに泣いております !! あん時はよ…く考えたつもりなんですけど!!（あぁ わしのばか…6）みなさん あまり深くつこまないで下さいね!!（っっこれれたら 終わりだよ このまんが ） あぁ そうだ。本当に最初の最初では お父さんの一成さんはいない設定だったんですよ。兄弟4人だけの家で。その4人も 万聖通とは違った性格で。お父さんも出すかどうか迷ったけど 今考えると 一成さん出して正解だった。兄弟onlyの設定の方のお話も知ってる友達も こっちのかいいって言ってくれるし 一成さん お気に入りなので…。 他にもね なんだ 十魔ぜ 学校違うのかとか これは本編読んで下さいてまわにはそれ程 気にされて 無いだと思うけど 一成さんとマリアさんの出逢いだとか フシギだー フシギだー とそれ程 あまりのストーリーを 初めから決まっているので おしおい描けるとゆうかなんと思ってます。それ時は読んでね。

With this evil demon blade I can skin the faces of people
With this, my wishes have been fulfilled
By beheading you your head will be the first death-mask by this sword
Thanks ta yaur assis-tance
For the sake af that...
Laaki Beautiful, isn't it?
Just so you could do a thing like that!!
Jigfreed taa has came inta my hands...

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ICHISUKI Comics

みんな仲良し中務ファミリー。優しいお父さん・一成。超絶美形の長男・十摩。高校ではスーパースターの次男・百岐と三男・千郎。そしてそんな家族の愛を一身に受けてる末っ子・万聖。魅力いっぱいの家族がおりなすファミリー・ラブ・ドラマ、待望の第1巻登場♥

●この間電車で『万聖を実写にしたらこんなカンジ』とゆー超絶理想な子に逢いました。最初女のコだと思ったんだけど一緒にいた友人が男のコだと言うんでよく見てビックリ。本当だ…。いやーいるもんですね世の中には。可愛いコが。なんで私カメラ持ってなかったかなぁ。ちっ。

ICHISUKI
TOSUISHA SPECIAL
COMICS

みんな愛のせいね

1

小田切ほたる

snap
ARE YOU OKAY, SAKAKIBARA?
Your face is pale.
NO, I'M OKAY
IT'S JUST 100 M
YOU'RE NOT FEELING WELL?
YOU WANT TO SKIP PE?
—THE ATMOSPHERE IS HEAVY.
EVEN WHEN I HEARD SENYA'S VOICE THROUGH PHONE...
IT WAS NOT LIKE THIS
MY WORLD HAS BEEN SO PEACEFUL.
I KNOW THIS IS TROUBLESOME
A TOMORROW WITH HOPES
BUT AFTER HEARING HIS VOICE, I HAVE A FEELING THAT A DIFFERENT TOMORROW WILL COME
Jigoku

SNAP
FROZEN
SAKAKI-BARA...?
BUT
3 DAYS BEFORE...
SAKAKIBARA!
I'M THE ONE WHO SHOOK OFF THAT HELPING HAND——
CERTAINLY...
YOU WON'T UNDERSTAND THIS FEELING!
AH! SO WE JOIN WITH CLASS C TODAY?
TODAY OKANO-SENSEI IS OFF?
I'M THE ONE WHO CUT OFF THAT HOPE...
Jigoku

BEING TOO SELFISH AT THIS LATE OF TIME
HELP
CLASS C.
WHAT AM I DOING?
BEING THAT TROUBLE SOME
HELP
SHAKING OFF THAT HELPING HAND BY MYSELF.
HE'S NOT MY PARTNER ANYMORE
thump
SENYA ...!
HELP ME...
Jigoku

EH?
SENYA
100 M...
WANNA COMPETE WITH ME?
SAKAKIBARA

RIGHT
COMPETE
WITH YOU. .?
SENYA... WHY..
I THINK THE MATCH IS ALREADY DECIDED...
BUT... NAKATSUKASA IS VERY FAST, RIGHT?
STAND
I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU THESE DAYS
JUST TRY IT! I'M NOT SURE OF IT MYSELF
Thump
HOW CAN YOU KNOW IF YOU DON'T TRY?

SAKAKIBARA, HAVE YOU EVER TRIED YOUR BEST?
I CAN'T SEE YOUR SERIOUSNESS
NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO, YOU ALWAYS GIVE OFF A NEGLIGENT FEELING.
YOU
SHOW ME
YOUR SERIOUSNESS.
—NOW, HE'S...
...OFFERING ME THAT HELPING HAND.
IF I DON'T GRAB IT...
I'LL...
...I GOT IT.

I'LL USE ALL MY STRENGTH
I WON'T GO EASY ON YOU.
HEY!
SAKAKIBARA'S GONNA HAVE A RACE WITH SENYA
Really?
...YOU ALWAYS USE ALL YOUR STRENGTH
...UHM.
HEH— HOW BOLD!
You're kidding me?!
GO—
One, two, ready!
FOR SUCH THINGS
I'VE BEEN YEARNING
BANG

Jigoku

GRADUALLY...
HIS BACK...
IS GETTING AWAY FROM ME
AAH
HE'S REALLY FAST
I WANNA CATCH UP WITH HIM.
I DON'T LIKE IT.
WITH THAT BACK...
I WANNA CATCH UP...
IF I CAN CATCH UP WITH HIM...
EVEN JUST A LITTLE BIT, I WILL...
WILL CHANGE
Waa
Jigoku

YOU TWO ARE SO AMAZING!!
PANT
BANG
GOAL!
SENYA IS 11.7 SEC AND SAKAKIBARA 12.9 SEC.
Unbelievable——
SAKAKIBARA'S SO FAST
"SO COOL"
PANT
WHY DID YOU HIDE IT?
This guy
NO WAY
YOU DID IT, DIDN'T YOU?
YOU BROKE YOUR OWN RECORD?
UH YEAH
ME TOO
Thanks God.
© Jigaku

BUT AFTER ALL, I'M REALLY NO MATCH FOR NAKATSUKASA.
Uh...
MATCH OR NO MATCH
IT'S JUST VICTORY OR DEFEAT.
SAKAKIBARA, JUST NOW...
YOU TRIED YOUR BEST, RIGHT?
IF I WAS GOING EASY ON YOU
YOU WOULDN'T BE MOTIVATED, SO IT'S NO GOOD, RIGHT?
Thanks to that I made a new record
HOW'S THAT?
HOW DO YOU FEEL AFTER RUNNING SERIOUSLY?
SERIOUSLY

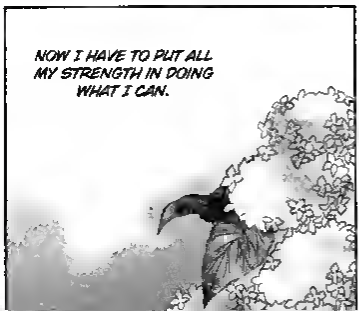
AMAZING.
IT FEELS SO GREAT!
USING ALL MY STRENGTH.
TRYING MY BEST.
...AMA-ZING.
GREA
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN IT.
WA
YOUR EXPRESSION
Look.
I'M SLOW, SO I COULDN'T GET IT RIGHT AWAY.
Slow, you said. There's a rumor that it's the number 5 problem for students.
...ABOUT WHAT YOU TOLD ME THAT NIGHT.
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT ALL ALONG.
It's not like me.
THAT EXPRESSION IS SO IMPORTANT
SMILE MORE FOR ME.
Jigoku

IT'S BECAUSE I LIKE EVERYONE.
SO I EXPECT THAT EVERYONE WILL TREAT ME THE SAME WAY
LOOKS LIKE I DON'T HATE ANYONE.
EVEN THOUGH I SAID I'M NOT SCARED OF ANYTHING,
BUT I'M SCARED OF ONE THING.
THAT NO ONE WOULD LOVE ME..
YEAH ... NAKATSUKASA
ISN'T IT BECAUSE HE WANTS TO BE LIKED
THAT EVERYONE LIKE HIM...
YOU HAVE TO LOVE YOURSELF FIRST.
AND THEN OTHERS WILL REALLY LOVE YOU
BECAUSE NO ONE IS NOT WORTH EXISTING...
BEING BORN IN THIS WORLD
NO ONE IS USELESS
THAT'S WHY EVERYONE LIKE NAKATSUKASA VERY MUCH.
MAYBE NAKATSUKASA IS AN IDIOT IN THIS ASPECT...
Jigoku

I WANT YOU TO MOVE FORWARD WITHOUT FEAR.
I LIKE SAKAKIBARA
IS THAT NO GOOD?
REGRETTING FOR DOING SOMETHING...
TRY YOUR BEST, SAKAKIBARA.
I THINK WE WON'T HAVE TO DO IT SO MANY TIMES.
...WHY
ARE YOU
...YEAH, THANKS.
NAKATSU-KASA

—SO GENTLE

THE WORLD HAS BECOME SO GENTLE TOO —



Jigoku

THERE'S STILL 5 DAYS UNTIL THE CONTEST—
SOMEHOW I CAN MAKE IT IN TIME...?
Ding Dong
CLICK
YES?
WE'RE HERE TO PICK YOU UP, SOU-SAMA.
WHAT... WHY SO SUD-DENLY?
NOW I'M BUSY, CAN'T YOU HELP ME TELL HER THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE?
YOU MUST GO BACK BY ALL MEANS.
WHAT...?!
NO, WE CAN'T
YOU HAVE TO GO HOME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
THIS IS MADAM'S ORDER.
Tsukiko

SOU, YOU
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE WRITING SOME WORTHLESS THING AGAIN.
I HAD PEOPLE INVESTIGATED IT.
AND I ASKED THE SCHOOL FOR YOUR LEAVE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TOO, SO JUST STAY HOME.
I BAN YOU FROM LEAVING THE HOUSE FOR THE NEXT 5 DAYS
I HEARD THAT THE CONTEST IS COMING SOON..
MOTHER?!
MOTHER, PLEASE OPEN THE DOOR.
SLAM
KNOCK
KNOCK
WHY DO YOU DO SUCH THING...
THAT'S ..!
SO CRUEL
MOTHER
FINALLY I HAD THE COURAGE TO DO WHAT I WANT, YET .

COULD IT BE HE'S ABSENT BECAUSE HE CAN'T COMPLETE THE MANUSCRIPT...
Let's try going to his apartment.
HE'S NOT THAT TYPE OF PERSON.
Hmph.
TODAY IS THE FOURTH DAY, HUH...
Excuse me
IS SAKAKIBARA HERE?
NO He's absent—
DING DO NG
YOU ARE NATSUKASA SENYA-SAN?
I can't see.
Hm— He's not home?
I'M SAKAKIBARA SOU'S MOTHER.
YEAH.
YES?! I'm not suspicious
Thump
EH
Jigoku

SOU HAS BEEN BROUGHT HOME.
AND HE'S BANNED FROM GOING OUTSIDE TOO.
AH...
HOW DO YOU DO?
EH? Why again
I'M SORRY, BUT
I HAD SOME SMALL INVESTIGATION ABOUT YOU
AS HIS MOTHER
IF THAT KID BECOMES A DOCTOR
HE'LL BE HAPPY WITH HIS STATUS AND STABLE INCOME
WOULD YOU PLEASE
IF HE JUST KEEPS ON WRITING THOSE THINGS, WHAT WILL HE BECOME?
NOT TEMPTING SOU INTO THAT WRONG PATH?!
I'M CONCERNED ABOUT HIS HAPPINESS!
Jigoku

HUG
SIGH
SIGH
SENYA, SOMETHING'S WRONG AGAIN?
HAVING ANOTHER GLOOMY GUY IS TOO MUCH..
YUKI!
IN THIS DAMP FALL
HE SEEMS REALLY DOWN
BUT, LOOK!
MASATO ALSO NOTICED IT
HE KEEPS SILENT.
AND LETS SENYA CLING ONTO HIM.
If it was like before, he'd have ran away already
chuuu
Jigoku

SIGH
IN ONE WORD, HIS MOTHER'S LOVE...
IS SEVERE.
I HEARD THAT
SHE'S AGAINST IT
BECAUSE 'WRITER' ISN'T A STABLE OCCUPATION
I'VE BEEN THINKING CAREFULLY ABOUT IT, BUT...
IT SEEMS I LED HIM INTO A HARD PATH...
...IT SEEMS I'M WRONG.
WOULD YOU PLEASE NOT TEMPTING SOU INTO THAT WRONG PATH?
NII-SAN, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
I'VE BELIEVED ALL THE RIGHT THINGS YOU'VE DONE UP UNTIL NOW.
YOU'VE NEVER BEEN WRONG, HAVEN'T YOU?
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT, NII-SAN.

SMILE
MASATO ...
He said "Nii-san"?
Even though I don't know what it is.
BECAUSE YOU'RE MY NII-SAN.
IS THAT SO.
THAT'S RIGHT.
I'M SO HAPPY I COULD DIE!!
HUG
THANK YOU MASATO!!
As always his world only turns around Masata
SIMPLE YOUNGSTER.
KISSED AGAIN
I'M FORGOT !!
I praised him too much huh.
THUD THUD
RUSS
I LOVE YOU.
Jigoku

chirp chirp
THE SCRIPT IS FINISHED.
FOR NOW
tap
?
THE WINDOW ...?
KNOCK KNOCK
BY 11AM TODAY...
I MUST BRING IT TO THE PUBLISHER BY ALL MEANS.
WHAT SHOULD I DO!?

SHH
SEN...!?
Sorry for the intrusion
I'M BEING FOLLOWED
SO I HAVE TO SNEAK IN.
YOU STARTLED ME.
YOU REALLY CAN DO ANYTHING.
RATTLE RATTLE
TODAY IS THE DEADLINE, RIGHT?
EH?
UM... YEAH.
IF YOU DON'T GO, I'LL LEAVE RIGHT AWAY.
RIGHT OR WRONG CAN'T BE DECIDED BY AN OUTSIDER.
SAKAKIBARA, THE DECISION IS IN YOUR HAND.
WHAT WILL YOU DO? YOU CAN MAKE IT IN TIME IF YOU GO NOW.

I UNDERSTAND.
THE ARTISTIC WORLD IS VERY SEVERE...
MOTHER ALWAYS THINKS FOR MY SAKE.
I ALSO UNDERSTAND YOUR PARENTS' FEELINGS
AFTER ALL, YOU'RE THE ONLY SON, SO THEY DO WANT TO KEEP AN EYE ON YOU.
I'D HAVE MONEY AND HIGH STATUS...
UM... BUT IF I JUST LET THEM KEEP AN EYE ON ME LIKE THIS
BUT NOW I'VE COME TO UNDERSTAND IT A LITTLE BIT.
AT FIRST I THOUGHT THAT IT'S CRUEL
BUT I HAVE NO INTE-REST .
I'M SORRY, FATHER, MOTHER
IN THOSE THINGS
I DON'T WANT TO HATE MYSELF ANYMORE
...I GOT IT.
I SEE
Jigoku

GIVE ME THE COURAGE
...IN WHAT I'M DOING
THE COURAGE TO BELIEVE
MOVING FORWARD
!!
...JUST MOVE FORWARD
NEVER-MIND IT!
GO!!
THE COURAGE TO MOVE

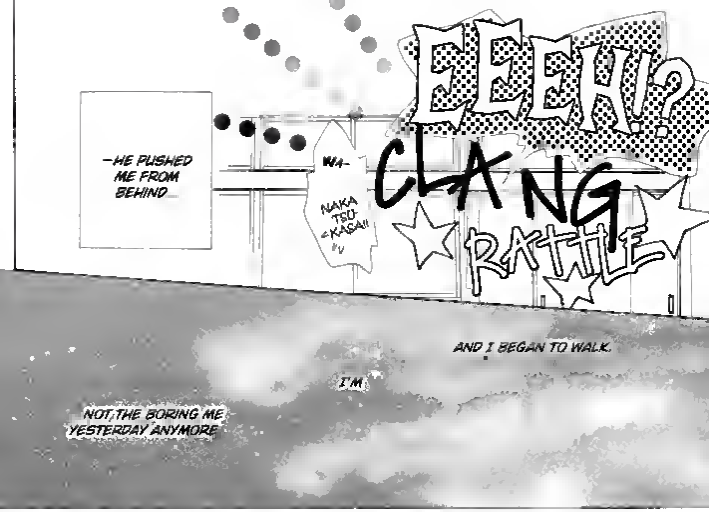
Run!!
Ah
THANK YOU
NAKATSU-KASA!!
SOU!!
YOU CAN'T GO, SOU!!
I SAID IT'S FOR YOUR OWN HAPPINESS
...MOTHER
SOU, THAT THING...
...IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN MOTHER AND FATHER?!

...I'M SORRY, MOTHER.
YOU AND FATHER ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANY-THING
BUT I'M HAPPY WHEN I CAN WRITE MY OWN STORY.
THAT'S WHY, PLEASE...
LISTEN TO MY FIRST AND LAST SELFISH-NESS!
SOW ——...
YOUNG MASTER!
WAS... WAS I WRONG?
EVEN THOUGH I LOVE HIM WITH ALL MY HEART..
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME
I SEE HIS SMILING FACE..!!
THAT'S OKAY!

BECAUSE... I DON'T HAVE MOTHER ANYMORE...
MAYBE THIS IS JUST MY IDEALIZED VISION, BUT...
I THINK SAKAKIBARA UNDERSTANDS WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING IS FOR HIS SAKE
YOU SHOULDN'T BLAME YOURSELF.
HOWEVER, THAT WAY OF LOVE IS PREJUDICED...
IF YOU THINK OF YOUR CHILDREN IN SUCH A WAY, EVEN IF THERE'S NO GUARANTEE
EVEN COLLABORATE, IF POSSIBLE
PARENTS...
ARE THE ONES WHO SYMPATHIZED WITH THEIR CHILDREN'S DREAMS.
BY SUPPORTING HIM FROM THE SHADOWS
ISN'T THAT WHAT WE CALL "DISINTERESTED AFFECTION"—?

IF THERE'S ACTUALLY SOMEONE LIKE THAT.
IF THERE'S SOMEONE WHO CAN IMMEDIATELY ATTRACT ANYONE FROM THE FIRST MEETING
WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THAT,
THAT SURELY IS 'HIM'.
SAY, THE WORK SAKAKIBARA SUBMITTED
WHAT'S IT ABOUT?
It's
—A SECRET
What's that?
BECAUSE, ONCE, I WAS A BORING PERSON
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN'T DREAM OF.
I COULD SEE THAT HE'S SHINING BECAUSE HE'S CHEERFUL, GENTLE, AND ALWAYS TRYING HIS BEST IN EVERYTHING HE DOES.

IT'S GOOD TO WIN THE PRIZE, RIGHT?
YEAH... BUT RATHER THAN THAT—
I GUESS HE'S REALLY BECOME MY INSPIRATION.
I CAN FEEL THAT I'M CHANGING.
IF I CAN COME NEAR HIM, THE ONE WHO IS MOVING FORWARD, EVEN JUST FOR A LITTLE BIT...
MY PARENTS DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT IT ANYMORE, EITHER.
I'M SATISFIED WITH THAT.
TO BE ABLE TO WRITE AND SUBMIT IT AT THE LAST MINUTE...
She even told me to invite you to come for dinner next time.
IT SEEMS THAT MY MOTHER LIKES YOU
YEAH, AND BY THE WAY, SINCE THEN...
Let's go home
ON THE DESK
Hey!
IT'S GOOD.
I love you, huh—
THANK YOU...
HEH—
TO THE EXTENT THAT I CAN SAY "I LOVE YOU"
!!
I didn't do anything.
HUH? WHY—?
WELL... BUT I ALSO LIKE NAKATSUKASA, YOU KNOW?



FINALLY, I...

STOOD ON THE STARTING POINT ——————

◆the starting point/The End◆

Ingaku

■最近 凄くお手紙のテンションが高くて(笑)楽しいです。有難う！ 自分の悩みとか宿題とかのお手紙を凄くようになて(勉強のか分いなやば)「書くてすみません」とかて あやまってくれるんどすが 全然大丈夫！ 私が原稿で良いだらいくらでも書いて下さい。当校の行事(火の泉とかの修学旅行とか)のことを教えてくれる方もいて、そーゆーの非常に嬉しいです。私はもう学校から離れてますのでー。新鮮です。勉強になります。「犬がへん」とか「じんぎスカンター(ぼくない」とか心配される方いますけど そんなの気にしないで、思ったことを書いてもらえればいいです——。なんか 気の向いた時にでも、ふらっと。書き下ろしでは このページみたいなのも描きたいと思ってますんで(今回はページなくてこれのみだけど) キャラの質問とかもあたら下さいねーっ。

■ここと図巻は こんなカンジでした。 これから まだまだ気合い入れて頑張らねばな と思ってますんで これ以後も宜しくおつき合い下さると嬉しいです。いかんいかんに好き勝手に描かせてもらてまだいっかなる 楽しいけど それでは また図巻でお会いしたいです。

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